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SUBJ: FY 77 IV PROGRAM

1. EMBASSY PROPOSES JOSE GABRIEL ALCANTARA ALMANZAR, YOUNG SOCIOLOGY PROFESSOR AND WRITER, FOR 21 DAY IV GRANT. NO PREVIOUS USG GRANT.

2. BORN MAY 2, 1946 IN SANTO DOMINGO, DR. DOMINICAN CITIZEN. MARRIED, 2 CHILDREN. ADDRESS: PROYECTO 115, EL PORTAL, SANTO DOMINGO. 1973, SOCIOLOGY DEGREE, AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF SANTO DOMINGO. SOCIOLOGY PROFESSOR, PEDRO HENRIQUEZ URENA NATIONAL UNIVERSITY SINCE 1974. AUTHOR OF TWO NOVELS AND AN ANTHOLOGY OF DOMINICAN LITERATURE. FOREIGN TRAVEL: SHORT VISIT TO US IN 1970; 2 MONTH COURSE FRENCH LITERATURE IN GUADELOUPE, 1971, CENTRAL AMERICA, 1974.

3. ALCANTARA, ONE OF DOMREP'S BEST KNOWN YOUNG WRITERS AND A DEDICATED INTELLECTUAL WAS PROPOSED LAST FY AS IV CANDIDATE IN LITERATURE GROUP PROJECT CANCELLED DUE CU BUDGET CUT. NOW PORPOSE INDIVIDUAL TRIP FOCUSING HIS TWO MAJOR INTERESTS: SOCIOLOGY (RESEARCH AND UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTION) AND LITERATURE.

4. SOCIOLOGY CONTACTS SUGGESTED ARE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS AND RESEARCH CENTERS WHERE WORK BEING DONE SOCIAL CLASS STUDIES (ALCANTARA'S SPECIALIZATION) AS WELL AS STUDIES ON SOCIAL STRATIFICATION, POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY, AND SOCIOLOGY OF
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DEVELOPMENT. ALCANTARA SPECIFICALLY INTERESTED CONTACT WITH UC BERKELY, ALSO CENTERS DOING LATAM AND DOMREP STUDIES.

5. LITERATURE CONTACTS SHOULD FOCUS ON NEW TRENDS AMERICAN LIT ESPECIALLY AREA BLACK LIT. SPECIFIC CONTACT REQUESTED WITH DR CAROLYN FOWLER, LITERATURE PROFESSOR, SCHOOL OF

AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES, ATLANTA UNIVERSITY. FOWLER VISITED DOMREP AND WAS DEVELOPING PROGRAM FOR LAST YEAR'S CANCELLED PROJECT. OTHER SPECIFIC CONTACT IS DR DONALD HERDECK, THREE CONTINENTS PRESS, WASHINGTON, DC. HERDECK EDITOR OF CUBA SOUTH, ANTHOLOGY IN WHICH ALCANTARA'S ESSAY "INTRODUCTION TO DOMINICAN LITERATURE" WILL APPEAR. CANDIDATE HAS OFFERED GIVE LECTURE IN ENGLISH BASED ON THIS ESSAY IF DESIRED. VISIT TO IOWA STATE AND ORIENTATION TO IOWA WRITERS WORKSHOP ALSO SUGGESTED.

6. CLEARANCE RECEIVED. NO ESCORT-INTERPRETER REQUIRED. SUGGESTED ETA MID-APRIL WHEN US UNIVERSITIES OPEN AFTER EASTER VACATIONS. HOWEVER, CONFIRMATION PROGRAM TIMING NEEDED ASAP SO THAT CANDIDATE CAN ARRANGE SUBSTITUTE UNIVERSITY CLASSES. HURWITCH

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